



Medicaid 101

A Guide to 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers

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Department for Medicaid Services

A Medicaid Waiver History Lesson



1965

Medicaid begins but only provides long-term care in institutional settings.



1981

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows 1915(c) HCBS waiver programs to provide long-term care in the community.

What is a waiver?

CMS allows states to “waive”
certain Medicaid program
requirements.

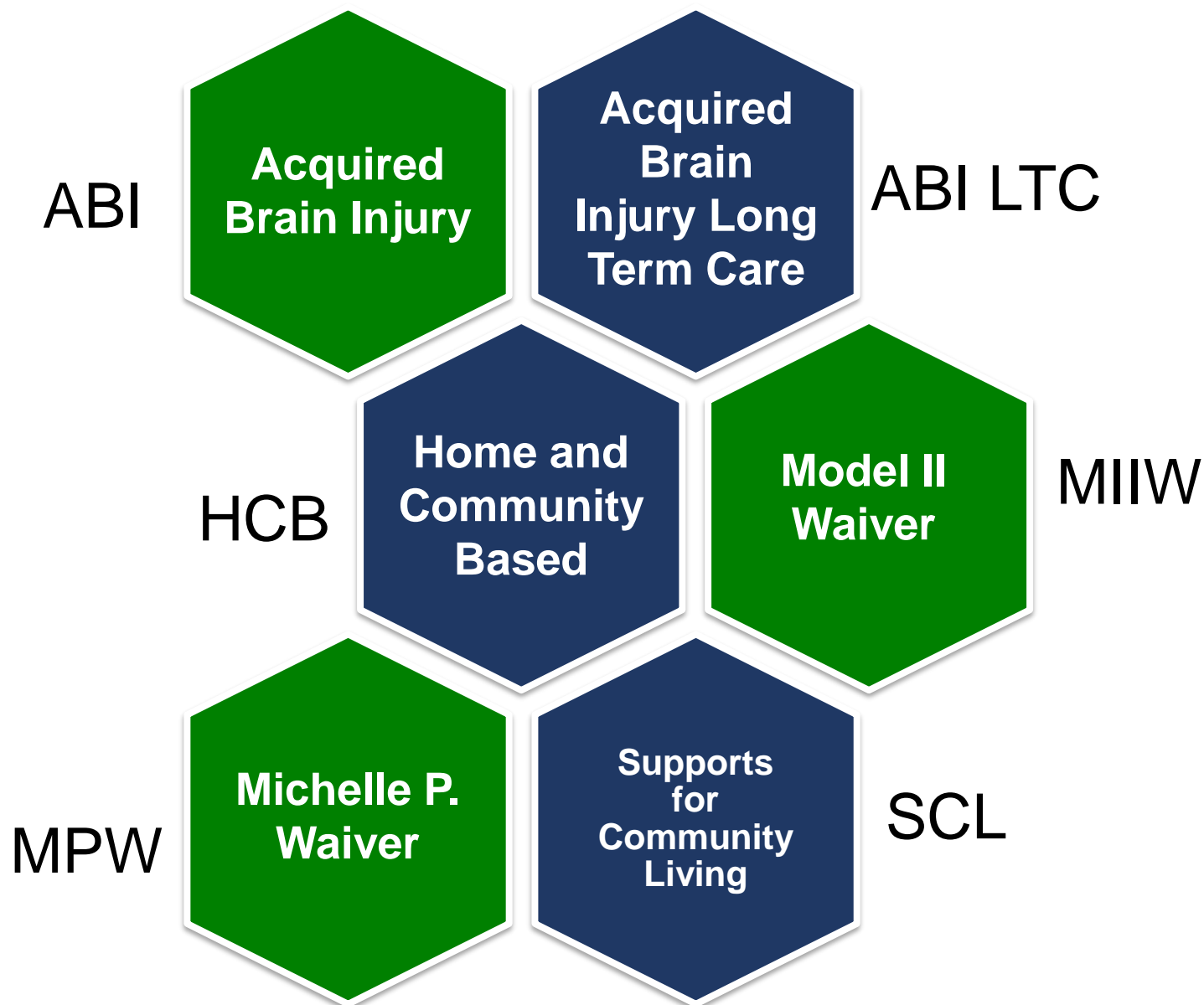
1915(c) HCBS Waiver Requirements

States must...



Meeting these requirements allows states to receive federal dollars to pay for 1915(c) HCBS waiver services.

Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs



1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility

Nursing Facility (NF) Level of Care



- Requires high-intensity nursing care or rehabilitation services
- Complex medical needs that can only be performed or supervised by a professional
- Unstable medical condition with at least two care needs in specific areas
- Stable medical condition with at least two care needs in specific areas

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility



Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Level of Care

- Intellectual disability or related condition diagnosed prior to age 18 or 22 (depending on condition)
- Has deficits in at least one activity of daily living
- Requires a planned treatment program and protected environment to live safely in the community

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility

Financial Eligibility

Participants must meet the financial qualifications for Medicaid, however, special financial considerations are made for 1915(c) HCBS waivers.

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility

ABI

- Age 18 or older
- Have a brain injury
- Meet NF level of care
- Need acute rehabilitation

ABI
LTC

- Age 18 or older
- Have a brain injury
- Meet NF level of care
- Need long-term, intensive support

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility

HCB

- Age 65 or older and/or physically disabled
- Meet NF level of care

MIIW

- Ventilator dependent 12 or more hours a day
- On an active, physician-monitored weaning program
- Meets NF level of care

1915(c) HCBS Waiver Eligibility

MPW

- Have an intellectual or developmental disability
- Meet NF or ICF level of care

SCL

- Have an intellectual or developmental disability
- Meet ICF level of care

Services Offered by Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waivers

Goods & Services

Environmental & Minor Home
Modifications

Non-Specialized Respite

Personal Care & Homemaking

Day Training*

Counseling & Behavior Services*

Residential Services*

Supported Employment*

**Service not available in all waivers*

Waiver participants also have access to services
offered by Kentucky's state Medicaid program.

Services Offered by Kentucky's 1915(c) HCBS Waivers

The Modell II Waiver (MIIW) differs slightly from the rest and offers three services only.

Skilled Services by a Registered Nurse

Skilled Services by a Licensed Practical Nurse

Skilled Services by a Respiratory Therapist

Service Delivery Options

Traditional

- Participants use agencies to deliver all of their waiver services.

Participant-Directed (PDS)

- Participants hire their own employees, including friends, family or natural supports

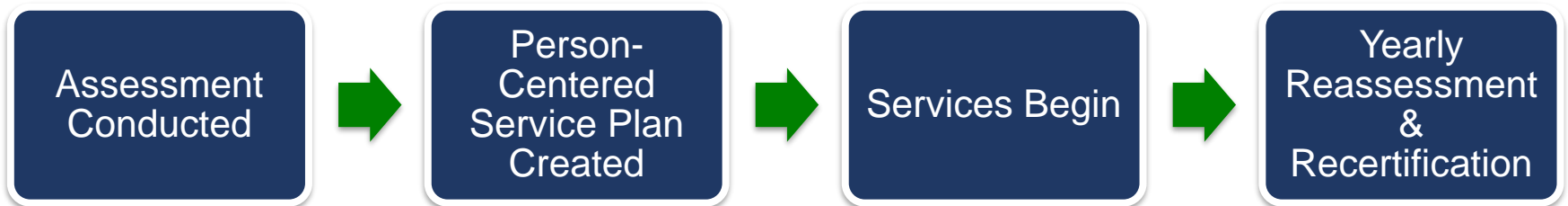
Blended

- Participants use agencies for some services but hire their own employees for others.

From Application to Services



**MPW and SCL currently have wait lists. Individuals who qualify for a slot will be placed on the list.*



Waiver Resources



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Go to chfs.ky.gov and search “Community Alternatives”

News from the 1915(c) HCBS Waiver Programs

Service authorization changes: As of Nov. 25, 2019, case managers are approving most services on person-centered service plans for 1915(c) HCBS waiver participants. DMS has released several resources for stakeholders.

- Training Materials: [Service Authorization Training Notice](#), [Service Authorization Training Webinar Recording](#), [Service Authorization Training Guide](#), [Service Authorization Quiz](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions: [Service Authorization Policy FAQ](#), [System and Prior Authorization FAQ](#)
- [Service Authorization Standard Operating Procedure](#)
- Service Authorization Crosswalks: [ABI/ABI LTC](#), [HCB](#), [Model II](#), [MPW](#), [SCL](#)
- [Summary of MWMA Improvements for Providers](#)
- MWMA Quick Reference Guides: [LOC Determination](#), [LOC Review](#), [Creating/Modifying PCSPs](#), [Prior Authorizations](#), [Program Closures](#), and [Services Requiring CHFS review](#)
- Instructional Guide: [Locating PA Information in MMIS](#)
- Letters: [Service Authorization for Participants](#), [Service Authorization for Providers](#), [Additional Service Authorization Guidance Letter](#)
- Examples: [Team Meeting Sign-In Sheet](#)

If you have questions about service authorization policy, contact [DMS](#). If you have technical issues or questions about MWMA, please call (800) 635-2570.

Patient liability: On Jan. 1, 2020, DMS changed the way it calculates patient liability for 1915(c) HCBS waiver participants. Read the [Patient Liability Participant Letter](#), [Patient Liability Provider Letter](#) or the [Patient Liability Brochure](#) for details.

- Program updates
- Links to regulation and related DMS sites
- Program brochures and information
- Waiver redesign resources
- How to contact us

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